



Neighborhood Association Monthly Newsletter

City of South Bend
October/November 2023

"Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one."

-Nikolai Berdyaev

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Neighborhood Association Updates

What happened in October and what's happening in November?



Kennedy Park

Did not meet.



River Park

Presented *IGNITE Electrical Wrap Project* mockup of River Park historical picture E'3 Team on Friday, October 28th.
Gearing up for November election nomination for new NA officers.



Miami Village

Site finalized for neighborhood signage. Planned for spring cleanup. Presentation by St Joe County library.



Far Northwest



Near West Side



Monroe Park

Continued work on IGNITE Grant.
Working on Signage quotes. Working
with Kingdom Impact Church.



Lincoln-Bendix

Secured vendor for IGNITE project.

Neighbors participated in walk to
unveil new pole banner project
designed by neighborhood residents.
Presented *IGNITE Pole-Banner &
Pearl Park Bench Project* to E'3 Team
on Friday, October 28th.



NENC

Applied for Ignite Grant to do signage
at Quigley Park.

Moving forward with *IGNITE Tool
Lending Trailer* and has started
purchasing tools.



Rum Village

(OCT) Canvassing for Rum Village
Picnic and Block Party Back-to-fair. A
lot of engagement and participation
with the neighbors and CCI interns.
Hosted IGNITE site visit w/E'3 Team
at Rum Village Nature Center
Neighborhood association officers
explained vision
for *IGNITE Placemaking
Signage* project.



NNN

Andre Northern presented *IGNITE
Booker T. West Park* site updates to
E'3 Team. Debris have been removed,
ground leveled, and some pathways
installed.
Financial Readiness Classes- attend a
free 6 week beginner-level course
November 6th-December
11th (deadline for signup Friday, Nov
3rd).



SOAR

Presentation by St Joe County Public
Libraries. SBPD presented spoke about
neighborhood safety.
Held "halloween at the Center" Trunk
or treat at the oneroof neighborhood
center.



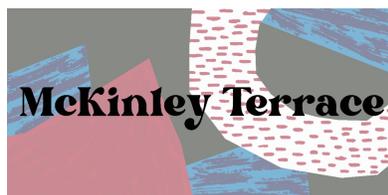
Lasalle Park

Presented on-site Ignite Grant project
to E'3 and the growth and opportunity
departments. Neighborhood plan
underway. Neighborhood planning
workshops at the Charles Black Center
on:
November 16th - 10:00am & 6pm



**Lincolnway Neighbors
for Change**

Secured neighborhood association bank



McKinley Terrace

Gearing up to canvass for November
meeting! Discussed upcoming



North Shore Triangle

New dates to do Unity Garden work –
volunteers needed .

account! Submitted paperwork for \$1000 Neighborhood Consortium grant.

elections of NA officials.

Meeting at the end of the month.



Edgewater

Planned first neighborhood meeting for Edgewater Historic District Neighborhood Association, November 15th @ 6:00 PM at Howard Park Lodge.
EEE Team to help with doorhanger distribution to promote meeting participation.



Twyckenham Hills

Presented the vision for IGNITE site visit w/E'3 Team at Brookmede and Ironwood for Twyckenham Hills
Placemaking signage on Friday, October 28th.
Neighborhood meeting overviewed and voted on IGNITE signage mockup.



Chapin Park

No updates at this time.



Howard Park

Did not meet.



Erskine Park

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.



River West Friendly Neighbors

No updates at this time



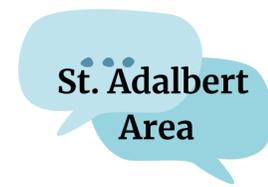
Council Oak

Ratified mission statement and worked on language for bylaws.
Changed regular meeting to 4th Thursday of every month.



Keller Park

Attended Oct. NC meeting. Representatives, Jenney Piontek and Sheryl Smith. Upon hearing about interests in organizing, several neighbors expressed interest in continuing conversation.



St Adalbert Area

Beginning stages of organizing the neighborhood. Canvassing to spread awareness.
Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Check out this recent article in Strong Towns featuring South Bend about building strong, inclusive and vibrant neighborhoods!

Can American Cities Save Themselves? South Bend Thinks So.

[Click here for new movie!](#)

Neighborhoods Consortium



The third quarterly meeting was held on October 4th, 2023. Representatives from **10** different neighborhoods attended along with the Mayor. See the **Consortium** page for more information.

For questions or more information contact eee@southbendin.gov.

South Bend Neighborhood Plan Updates

Monroe Park/Edgewater - [Download the Draft Plan Here](#)

River Park Neighborhood and Potawatomi Park Priorities Workshop

Thank you to everyone who participated in the River Park & Potawatomi Park planning workshops.

We are working on creating a draft plan and we update participates of the next steps in the process.

Linden Avenue Streetscape Improvements

As part of its implementation of the Kennedy Park Neighborhood Plan, the City of South Bend will be making streetscape improvements to Linden Avenue in coordination with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center project. The project aims to encourage commercial and residential investment, promote safety, and calm traffic.

Project Scope

Improvements are planned to Linden Avenue between College and Birdsell Streets. Planned work includes

- Replacement of curbs and sidewalks,
 - Raised intersections with pedestrian safety bumpouts,
 - Street paving,
 - Decorative street lighting, and
 - Street trees.
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Lasalle Park Neighborhood - coming soon!

For more information, email planning@southbendin.gov or eee@southbendin.gov or click the link below!



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Public Safety

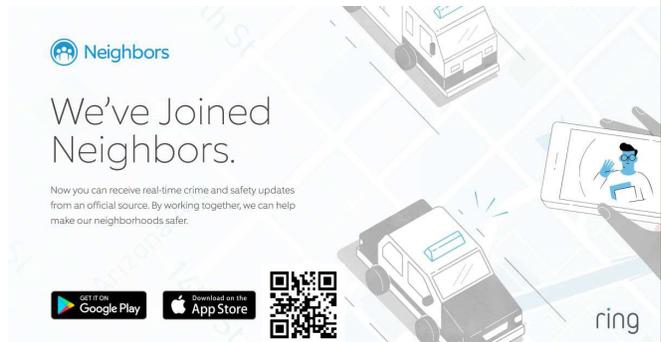
The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, **Scott Ruskowski** or Community Liaison Officer, **Jarveair Bourn** at jbourn@southbendin.gov.



You can now also join the Sync South Bend Camera Registry Program.

By registering the cameras at your home or business, you are helping South Bend Police officers and detectives quickly determine where cameras are located and who they need to contact to access them. This information will help expedite investigations and will eliminate the need for an officer or detective to physically visit your home or business to review relevant footage – all clips can be shared and submitted via a secure link.

This is a FREE app.



[Learn More](#)

Monthly Crime Stat Meeting

The SBPD is holding its monthly crime stat update **November 8th 6:30pm** in the South Bend Police Department's auditorium, located at 701 W. Sample Street.

The meeting will cover crime trends from last month. There will also be time allotted for community questions and input. South Bend residents also have access to a transparency hub in which citizens can review crime statistics. **Click here** to view the transparency hub.

SOUTH BEND VACANT BUILDING CREDIT ENHANCEMENT FUND

The Vacant Building Enhancement Fund is a focused revolving loan fund that offers additional financing tools in the rehabilitation of vacant or partially vacant commercial buildings.

The City seeks to support the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized commercial structures throughout South Bend by providing targeted loans to promote commercial real estate projects. Through the program, loans of up to \$500,000 can be extended for qualified redevelopments.



[Learn More](#)



City Awarded Bloomberg Philanthropies WHAT WORKS CITIES CERTIFICATION

The City of South Bend is proud to announce that it has been awarded the Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification at the Gold Level for exceptional use of data to inform policy decisions, allocate funding, improve services, evaluate program effectiveness, and engage residents. South Bend is the only city in the state of Indiana to achieve this certification.

Neighborhood IGNITE Grant

The City of South Bend's Engagement and Economic Empowerment team will be offering a 2nd round of grants to neighborhood associations to create and expand ways for residents to engage, connect, and grow. IGNITE Grants provide funding for small neighborhood placemaking and placekeeping projects with community-wide benefit. Sample projects include *neighborhood signage*, *expanded tree coverage*, *park enhancements* or *public art*.

**Applications have Closed.
Awards coming soon!**

Contact eee@southbendin.gov for further questions.

2022 Grant Awardees:

LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of permanent signage identifying and welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

Lincoln-Bendix Neighborhood Association – *Banners and Beautification*

Installation of welcoming banners along neighborhood boundary at Lincolnway West, Olive Street, and Meade/Bendix and the beautification of the median along Meade and Bendix Drive

Miami Village - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of new permanent signage welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

Monroe Park Neighborhood Association - *Neighborhood Tool Trailer*

Development of a neighborhood tool trailer and lending program for residents

Near Northwest Neighborhood – *“Tot Lot” and Community Greenspace*

Near Northwest Neighborhood partnership with St. Paul Bethel Church to revitalize and reopen a greenspace play area for small children and community members

Northshore Triangle – *“Grow and Know”*

“Know & Grow” envisions the relocation and expansion of the neighborhood’s Unity Garden (ensuring the 12th consecutive season of operations) and the installation of an “iHub” sign, which will centralize neighborhood news, opportunities for engagement, and its history.

Near West Side Neighborhood Organization- *Banners and Benches*

Banner signage designed by residents identifying neighborhood along Chapin, Charles Martin and Colfax, and park benches for two local greenspaces.

River Park Neighborhood Association – *Signal Box Murals*

A series of signal box artwork installations designed by residents along Mishawaka Ave

For questions or to receive future emails about the 2023 Ignite Grant email eee@southbendin.gov or go to

South Bend Technology Resource Center (TRC)



Stay tuned to TRC Eventbrite & [Facebook](#) pages for more info!

[Sign Up Here](#)

RESOURCES

Supporting South Bend

Did you know the City of South Bend has a website dedicated to helping the community locate important resources? Everything from assistance for childcare, rent and utilities to free WIFI and free golf.

You can find it by searching "Supporting South Bend" in your web browser, typing www.southbendin.gov/support, or clicking the button below.

[Click For Supporting South Bend](#)

Upskill South Bend



A worker-oriented program focused on creating a high-skill workforce and retaining talent within South Bend.

LEAD INDIANA TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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ABOUT UPSKILL SB

Upskill SB targets job-seeking professionals and recent graduates to earn technology and climate industry-accredited certifications.

By offering online and self-paced specialized training options, and reimbursing certification costs, Upskill SB will add to the effort of developing and retaining tech and climate-specialized talent within the South Bend region.

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 - NABCEP Certification
- **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)**
 - LEED Green Associate
- **Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)**
 - Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
- **National Association of Realtors (NAR)**
 - Green Designation

Applications are now open for the City's workforce development program, Upskill SB! Upskill SB targets job-seeking professionals and recent graduates to earn certifications in technical and traditional fields. By subsidizing at least 50% of course fees and all exam fees for South Bend residents and workers.

Still Accepting Applications for Upskill Climate Action.

[Learn more](#)

EASSI

Join Us For Our EASSI Social: November 14, 5:30-7:00pm At Unity Gardens.



**YOU ARE INVITED
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EASSI
SOCIAL**

**"ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND
SOLAR SAVINGS INITIATIVE"**

Hear from participating non-profit organizations and learn about how EASSI projects can benefit you and the planet!



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SCAN TO RSVP OR
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**WHEN:
TUESDAY
NOV 14
5:30-7PM**

**LOCATION:
UNITY GARDENS**

3701 Prast Blvd
South Bend, IN 46628

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Strengthening nonprofits and
the communities they serve.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO: [HTTPS://SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/EASSI/](https://southbendin.gov/eassii/)

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VIBRANT PLACES is a matching grant program for qualifying exterior enhancements to commercial, mixed-use, & industrial buildings.

Up to **\$112,000 matching funds** available for projects!

Qualifying projects for up to **70% matching grant funds** include:



Original façade restoration



Exterior paint



Exterior doors & windows



Sidewalk improvements



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Landscaping

...and more! **50% Standard Grant + 20% Sustainable Bonus**



SUNPOWERED GRANT

Your business may **additionally** apply for 15% or 25% matching funds for **solar** projects.

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VIBRANT PLACES

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A GRANT FOR SOLAR

Receive funding for your business to install solar panels & battery storage systems!

Grants for solar panels are in addition to the standard grant and sustainability bonus available through Vibrant Places. **A single business could be eligible for all three grants.**

	Matching Grant %	Max Grant Amount \$
CITY-WIDE (INCLUDING DOWNTOWN)	15%	\$20,000 (15% of a \$133,333+ project)
PRIORITY CORRIDOR	25%	\$30,000 (25% of a \$120,000+ project)

A project in partnership with  **SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

WHY GO SOLAR?



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A solution to ever varying and increasing energy costs



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POWER YOUR COMPANY WITH CLEAN ENERGY

Solar panels generate electricity without burning fossil fuels or contributing to climate change



ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives



SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF BACKUP POWER

With battery storage, you can prepare for energy interruptions without relying on a generator

Learn more and apply:



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Rain gardens



Drought-tolerant
landscaping



Learn more and apply:



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South Bend Career Pathways

The City of South Bend has announced a new round of workforce development training courses provided by Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Pathways program assists workers from South Bend manufacturing companies with career training, improving employees' skills and providing them with advancement opportunities with local manufacturers.

[Learn More](#)

High Skill Immigration Fund

Gaps in high-skilled talent have become challenges for the growth of businesses in the South Bend region. To fill critical gaps in high-demand jobs locally and to boost the regional economy. The City of South Bend has announced a new program: The **High Skill Immigration Fund** To attract and retain high skilled talent in the South Bend region and To educate and build capacity of local businesses to enable international talent sourcing

[Learn more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

FINANCIAL READINESS CLASSES

LOOKING TO CHANGE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE? IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT SCORE? LEARN HOW TO PURCHASE A HOME? LOOK NO FURTHER!!

GAIN MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

ATTEND A FREE 6-WEEK BEGINNERS LEVEL COURSE

NOVEMBER 6TH - DECEMBER 11TH,

MONDAYS 5:30PM - 7PM.

LIGHT MEALS SERVED.



Please call André Northern at 574-303-7990 or email anorthern.nnn@gmail.com for more information. Applications are available at the Near Northwest Neighborhood Inc at 1007 Portage Ave, South Bend, IN 46616. Applicants can also enroll online by following the QR Code below. Please enroll online, email scanned applications or returned applications to the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. by Friday, November 3rd. Enrollment is limited.

Students who meet attendance requirements will receive a \$75 gift card upon completion of the class.

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Sewer/Water Reconnect

A new Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will offer a reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified costs of connecting the sewer lateral to new low-and moderate-income homes. This funding may be used to cover the cost of the entire sewer lateral from the main line to the residential structure. Qualifying costs for reimbursement include labor, materials, traffic control, and restoration of pavement, curbs and sidewalks related to the sewer lateral work. Subject to the respective approvals by the Common Council and Board of Public Works, both the revised System Development Charges and the Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will be active by mid-July.

[Learn more](#)

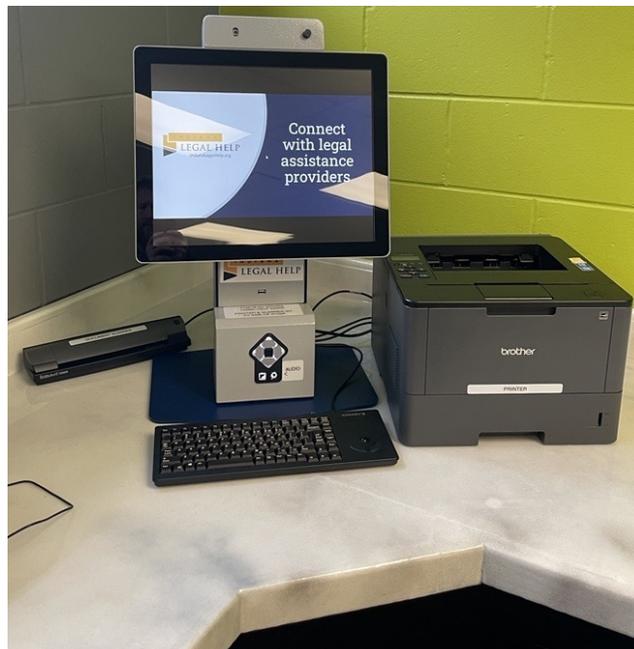
Downtown South Bend

Winter is almost here and DTSB is ready to celebrate ! Visit DTSB's [website](#) for a complete list of all the activities planned .



Legal Self Help Clinic

Facing eviction? Need to find legal help? Come visit the Indiana Legal Help Kiosk at the Charles Black Center in South Bend! The kiosk will be available. Through the kiosk, you can connect with legal aid organizations, find free housing-focused legal clinics, and access housing legal information and forms. For housing and other legal needs, you can always check out the legal resources available at IndianaLegalHelp.org.



[Learn More](#)

Climate Action Ambassador Program

The Office of Sustainability is recruiting 15 local leaders to serve as Climate Action Ambassadors for the City of South Bend.

Climate Action Ambassadors will facilitate conversations with the community to help prepare for climate change and contribute to the next update of South Bend's Climate Action Plan. Ambassadors will receive a \$250 stipend for their time and participation in the program, which, in addition to leading a Climate Action Survey Session, will require attending:

1. An introductory Zoom call
2. A two-hour environmental justice training
3. One debrief session with other Climate Action Ambassadors.

[Meet the 2023 Climate Action Ambassadors](#)

Lead Safe South Bend

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed, up to \$20,000, by qualified contractors at no cost to you!

[Click For Lead Safe South Bend Information](#)



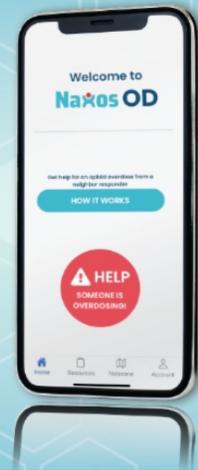
[Click for more information about the Canopy Tree program](#)

Community Canopy Tree Program

Help beautify your neighborhood with this free program from SBVPA. South Bend is excited to make it easier on individuals to give back to the environment and create a healthier city. The program only allows trees to be planted on city public right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk (tree lawn). The tree may be up to 10 feet from the curb if no sidewalk exists.

Additional questions about the program? Please contact our Forester at 574-299-4766.

Naxos OD
Making Connections, Saving Lives



Naxos Neighbors provides opioid overdose bystanders with an anonymous, one-button press to connect with trained neighbor responders, ready to administer naloxone and provide immediate connections to harm reduction and treatment resources. They are now piloting in the South Bend, IN area.

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[More Info](#)

Near Northwest Community Fridge

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Leaf Removal

Leaf Removal

Leaf pickup begins in late October and runs through the end of the year as weather allows. Crews will collect all leaves in one zone before beginning in the next. Leaf pickup in a particular zone can sometimes take several days before moving to the next zone.

Below are guidelines that residents are asked to follow for the Leaf Pickup program:

- Leaves should be raked to the tree lawn area, NOT into the street, by 6 a.m. on the scheduled set out date.
- Leaves should be free of sticks, trash and other debris or they will not be picked up.

[Sign up Now](#)

[View leaf pickup in realtime](#)

[Schedule an Extra Pickup](#)

- Cars should not be parked on top or in front of leaf piles along curb lines, as this hampers leaf collection.

- Leaf burning is prohibited and is a violation of City ordinance.

Residents participating in the City's Yard Waste program can also put leaves in yard waste bins. The program offers weekly collection and runs through Thursday, November 30. Residents can call 311 with any questions.



Stay Connected to your Elected Officials



Mayor James Mueller
mayormueller@southbendin.gov
311 (Within city limits)
574.233.0311 (Outside city limits)

South Bend Elected Officials

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Department of Community Investment:
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